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City celebrates Kanaka Jayanthi

MLAs L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah offering floral tributes to Saint Kanakadasa during Kanaka Jayanthi celebrations at Maneyangala in Kalamandira this morning as Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (MTY, RKB& BCT)- Today is Kanaka Jayanthi, the celebration of birth anniversary of saint poet and 15th century social reformer Kanakadasa. The saint poet is from Kuruba community but is revered by people of all castes and creeds in the State. His poems are called Keerthanas.

As part of the Jayanthi celebrations, various events were held in city where the saint poet's contribution to the society was recalled. The main event was organised by the Mysuru District Administration and Kanakadasa Jayanthi Mahotsava Samiti at Maneyangala in Kalamandira.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the celebrations were restricted to offering floral tributes to the statue of Kanakadasa which was brought to the venue for the celebrations. There was no stage programme and speeches by dignitaries.

However, MLAs L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah spoke to reporters outside the venue. Dr. Yathindra said that poet Kanakadasa had rendered great service for the uplift of socially downtrodden sections during 16th century.

(See JAYANTHI on page 7)

COVID Panel recommendation

Wear Mask or Go to Jail

Mysuru, Dec.3 (SSV)- Think twice before you step out of houses without wearing face mask. The Karnataka Government's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for COVID-19 has recommended to the Government to consider simple imprisonment of a few hours for mask violators as done in Madhya Pradesh.

With citizens showing gross negligence by moving in public places without masks, the TAC headed by Dr. M.K. Sudarshan felt it necessary to discipline the public and asked the Government to consider simple imprisonment at least for a few hours.

According to reports, this rule has been in force in Madhya Pradesh since July where people caught without masks in public and violating social distancing norms were kept in a temporary jail for nearly three to four hours. Then they are administered an oath that they will wear masks and follow social distancing norms.

Fine for mask violators in other States
Delhi: Rs. 2,000
Maharashtra: Rs. 1,000
Punjab: Rs. 1,000
Uttar Pradesh: Rs. 500
Haryana: Rs. 500
Kerala: Rs. 500
Karnataka: Rs. 250
Tamil Nadu: Rs. 200

In Karnataka, the State Government had hiked the fine amount for mask violators to Rs.1,000 from Rs.250. This created a hue and cry and severe backlash from society forcing Chief Minister Yediyurappa to revoke the order within 24 hours. People were not wearing masks even in public places thus putting health of others in danger.

(See MASK on page 7)

UoM final degree students get another chance to write exam

Prof. Mahadevan

Mysuru, Dec.3 (YDS&DM)- In a big relief to over a hundred final year degree students who could not attend the degree exam due to the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown, the University of Mysore (UoM) has given them one more opportunity to write the exams.

UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. Mahadevan told *Star of Mysore* that as several students could not appear for the final year exam conducted as per the UGC direction a couple of months ago, the University is giving them another chance to write the exams.

Pointing out that the Varsity has received 113 exam applications for different courses, he said that the schedule for special exam has been declared.

Following the conclusion of exams, evaluation of answer scripts will be completed in 3-4 days and the results will be announced soon after so that the passed students can apply for PG courses or jobs, he added.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 3rd December 2020

Smart classrooms transforming

teaching, learning in Govt. Schools

Mysuru, Dec.3 (RK&SSV)- Smart classes and mobile technology is not only transforming education in highly paid Private Schools but it is also gradually making inroads in the Government Schools set up in the backward and rural areas.

In tune with latest technology, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Mysuru, has selected 38 Government High Schools in Mysuru District to provide hi-tech learning equipment and projectors. It is being done to convert the Government School classrooms into smart classrooms which would encourage students to learn fast and innovatively with technology.

DDPI Dr. Panduranga told *Star of Mysore:* "There are 232 High Schools in the District of which 38 Schools that have more number of students, are selected for providing projectors to teach students through smart teaching. The Department has sanctioned Rs.1 crore and it would be spent on providing learning gadgets as well as to convert classrooms into smart ones.

The intention of the State Government is to adopt modern technology in teaching. Installation of projectors in classrooms would help both students and teachers. Teaching Mathematics and Science subjects will be easy through the projectors, the DDPI said.

"Teaching through this new technique will create interest among students. They will grasp subjects too. Process of Government School classrooms becoming hi-tech has started," he explained.

In a smart class, children are provided with play-way methods of learning which give them an enjoyable experience," said a teacher. The introduction of innovative teaching methodology and additional teaching tools would enable teachers to provide more inputs for the young learners from primary level.

The smart classroom project is not just about providing supplementary visual content to the students. Rather it is more about making the students smart. Teachers are given training in handling these components and to use the computer and software so that they showed students what they were learning. The use of visual content will help the students' understanding and improve memory.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

While Digital India is, in general, a good thing, on occasion it can spell disaster. Eighteen-year-old student Siddhant Batra found that out the hard way when he lost his seat for a coveted electrical engineering course in IIT Bombay, after he inadvertently clicked on a wrong link during the online admission process. Batra secured an excellent 270th rank in the JEE (Advanced) exam, but nevertheless couldn't reap its benefits. While filling out his admission details online, he came upon a 'freeze' option which he thought was meant to lock his seat choice. On clicking it, however, he was withdrawn from the seat allocation process altogether. IIT has said it can't intervene in the matter and Batra can apply again next year.

With so much of our lives online today – especially after the Covid-19 outbreak – there is a crying need to improve digital interfaces and make them foolproof. More often than not websites, particularly those of Government and its agencies, have cumbersome layouts making them difficult to navigate. Add to this language issues that confuse users and lead them to make choices they don't intend to make. There ought to be qualitative improvement in website design, with multiple steps to verify important choices.

The Government's Digital India campaign aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and ensure that Government services are made available to citizens online. If this vision is to succeed, websites offering such services need to be much better. As far as Batra's case is concerned, it is no secret that aspirants work extremely hard for years to crack the prestigious entrance exams for the IITs. A wrong click of a button shouldn't determine an eligible candidate's future. IITs must show some leniency in the matter. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

A vertical forest in the middle of an urban jungle

Milan: Bosco Vericale, a unique residential complex in the center of Milan in Italy consists of two towers of 80 and 112 meters high and are covered in plants and trees giving them the look that inspired their name – vertical forest.

Designed by a team of architects at Boeri Studio, Bosco Verticale was designed as a "home for trees that also houses humans and birds". It was inaugurated in October 2014, in Milan's Porta Nuova Isola area, as part of a wider renovation project. The two towers are home to a total of 800 trees (480 first and second stage trees, 300 smaller ones), 15,000 perennials and/or ground covering plants and 5,000 shrubs. That amounts to 30,000 square meters of woodland and undergrowth, concentrated on 3,000 square meters of urban surface. And the vegetation is not just for show, it serves a purpose that the residents themselves acknowledge.

A rodent that coats itself with poison to keep away predators

Somalia: The African crested rat, an elusive rodent that lives in forested areas of Eastern Africa, has a very strange defense mechanism against would-be predators – it licks deadly toxins onto its own fur.

People inhabiting the highland forests and woodlands in Somalia, Sudan or Ethiopia have long known to stay clear of the large maned rat that makes its home in those areas. Known as Lophiomys imhausi to Scientists, this long-haired rat is the world's only poisonous rodent.

But the most interesting thing about it is that it's not born poisonous; it actually "borrows" the lethal toxin of a plant known as the "poison arrow tree", which contains a poison strong enough to kill an elephant, when applied to an arrow head.

The rat applies this toxin to specialised hair on the sides of its body, turning itself into as lethal weapon against anyone foolish enough to attack it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Consultant Interventional Cardiology

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	64
Total positive cases	:	50,795
Discharges yesterday	:	77
Total discharges	:	49,478
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,000
Total active cases	:	317

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	52
Total positive cases	:	18,656
Total discharges	:	18,230
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	280

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	16
Total positive cases	:	6,381
Total discharges	:	6,174
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	80

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	5,314
Total discharges	:	5,185
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	61

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	42
Total positive cases	:	27,113
Total discharges	:	26,350
Total deaths	:	386
Total active cases	:	377

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa phoned his wife: I am not coming home. The steering, dash board, gears of car have been stolen.
After sometime he calls again: I am coming, earlier I sat on the back seat !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.93
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.12
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.53

VOICE OF THE READER

Why can't MCC recover dues from defaulters before seeking hike in water tariff?

Sir,

It is with deep pain and concern that we, the honest tax paying Mysureans, do read in the columns of two successive issues of *Star of Mysore* (Nov. 28 and 29) about MCC's helplessness in recovering the tariff dues of Rs. 202.00 crores from the defaulters and then about the proposed hike of 50%. This leads me to question MCC:

a. Why is MCC unable to disconnect water supply to the defaulting users and institutions? Why were they waiting so long to send the said notices and to initiate legal action, instead of waking up now?

b. Against an annual operational and maintenance cost of Rs.120.00 crore, it is said that collection is Rs.55.00 crore which doesn't reportedly even take care of MCC's electricity bill of Rs.75 crore besides a deficit of Rs.70 crore.

Comparing 'a' and 'b' above, any layman can infer that it is the amount in due by water bill defaulters which is the main cause of MCC's deficit.

Who is accountable for non-recovery of dues?

Who is accountable for the 50,000 and odd illegal connections running without meters?

Finally, why should honest bill paying Mysureans suffer the burden of the proposed 50 percent hike?

— C.K. Rangachari
on e-mail
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Society wedding

The wedding reception of M.S. Pranusha (daughter of former MLA M.K. Somashekar and Kusuma) and Deepak Sathya (son of Dr. P. Sathya and Geetha Sathya) was held at Spectra Convention Hall on Hunsur Road in city last evening. Leader of Opposition and former CM Siddharamaiah, MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, former ZP President and State Women's Congress President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath too attended the reception.

Appointed as Chairmen of Safai Karmachari Commission, Jungle Lodges

Mysuru, Dec.3- Former Minister M. Shivanna has been appointed as Chairman of Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission, while another BJP leader from Mysuru M. Appanna has been appointed as Chairman of Jungle Lodges and Resorts.

M.Shivanna

M. Appanna

Shivanna had served as District BJP President until recently.

Earlier, Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda was appointed as Chairman of Jungle Lodges but the Government, after withdrawing the order, issued a fresh order appointing Appanna as Chairman of the State-run body.

Appointed as Ex-Officio Member of District Kannada Jagruti Samiti

Ramkumar

Mysuru, Dec. 3- Writer and President of K.R. Nagar-based Gramaantara Buddhijeevigala Balaga Bherya Ramkumar has been appointed as an Ex-Officio Member of District Kannada Jagruti Samiti.

The Samiti has been formed by the Government to oversee the effective implementation of the programmes of Kannada Development Authority.

Ramkumar, who started Gramaantara Buddhijeevigala Balaga at K.R.Nagar in 1985, has organised many State-level Kannada literary programmes, including the popular *Mane Mane Kavighosti* (Poets Meet).

He had earlier served as Honorary Advisor of Federation of Unemployed Kannadigas, as Vice-President of Mysuru-Arasikere Railway Travellers Association and Hon. President of Mysuru District Non-Resident Writers Association.

Gold Medal in M.Sc. Clinical Psychology

Neha

Mysuru, Dec. 3- P.G. Neha Dechamma of Mysuru has bagged Gold Medal in M.Sc., Clinical Psychology from Manipal University, Jaipur. She completed her schooling at JSS Public School, PU education at SVEI Composite PU College, Mysuru and B.Sc., from Christ University, Bengaluru.

Neha is the daughter of Pandiyanda Girish Uthaiah and Savitha Girish, residents of Mysuru.

MyMUL recruitment exam: HC orders publishing of answer scripts before Dec.4

Mysuru, Dec.3- Even as corruption charges in connection with appointments to MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited) posts continues to rage, with some opposition legislators and leaders alleging a scam, the Karnataka High Court has ordered MyMUL to publish OMR answer scripts of candidates who appeared for the written recruitment exam, before Dec.4 on its (MyMUL) website.

Announcing this at a press meet at the office of K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh near Ramavilas road here recently, JD(S) leader M.T. Kumar said that a PIL was filed in the High Court alleging grave irregularities in the exam process for appointment to 187 MyMUL posts. The petitioners had brought to the notice of the Court that copies of OMR answer scripts were not made available.

The Court, which heard the petition, ordered publishing of the answer scripts before Dec.4, while dismissing MyMUL's contention that the OMR answer scripts cannot be made public under the Co-operative Societies Act, he said.

Kumar further said the Court has also permitted filing of objections, if any, regarding the published scripts, by Dec.8. The Court is expected to give its final verdict on the appointments after Dec.17, he added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MCC Council meeting tomorrow

The adjourned MCC Council Meeting of the General Body Council Meeting held on Nov. 30 will be held on Dec. 4 at 11 am at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in MCC premises, according to a press release from the MCC Council Secretary.

CESC public contact programme

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be holding a public contact programme at its Chamundipuram Central Office at 11 am and at its Chamunidpuram Sub-Divisional Office at 3 pm on Dec. 5. The members of the public can attend the programme and air their grievances and find solutions, according to a CESC release.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Ursu Mandali Co-operative Society Ltd., Tyagaraja Road, will be held at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city at 10.30 am on Dec. 20. Those applying for student scholarships and those willing to suggest topics (in writing) to be discussed at the AGM, may do so before Dec. 11 (before 6 pm). For details, contact Ph: 0821-2439609.

Diploma at GTTC

Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications from SSLC-pass candidates for admission to Diploma in Tool and Die Making and Precision Manufacturing, recognised by AICTE, New Delhi. Interested candidates may contact GTTC, along with recent photograph, copies of SSLC marks card, caste and income certificate and e-mail ID, before Dec. 9. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2582464 or Mob: 91416-29580.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	120.60 ft
Yesterday	120.76 ft
Inflow	3,353 cusecs
Outflow	5,532 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,272.73 ft
Inflow	374 cusecs
Outflow	2,000 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,836.60 ft
Inflow	92 cusecs
Outflow	1,130 cusecs

Dec. 5 bandh: Hotel Association to extend moral support only

Mysuru Travels Association, maxi cab, petroleum dealers too back off from observing bandh

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (MTY& BCT)-A section of Kannada organisations have given a call for Karnataka bandh on Dec. 5, protesting against the State Government's decision to constitute Maratha Development Authority.

Narayanagowda

Most of the Transport Unions including Autorickshaw and Taxi Unions have decided to support the bandh, while Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association has said they will not be closing their businesses for the day but only extend moral support.

Recently, former MLA and Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj had called for a bandh condemning the State Government's decision to form Maratha Development Authority.

Along with Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, Mysuru Travels Association, District Tourist Vehicle Drivers' and Owners' Welfare Association, Registered Tourist Guides Association, Maxi Cab Owners' Welfare Association, Mysuru Region Petroleum Dealers' Association, Devaraj Urs Road Traders' Association, Merchants' Association, Mysuru Textile and Garments Merchants' Association, District Distributors' Association, Kalyana Mantap Owners' Association, Mysuru City Corporation Market Tenants' Association and 'Federation of Mysuru Industries Associations' have decided not to close business but extend moral support to the bandh.

Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda, in a joint press conference of the Associations held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, said that hotels and restaurants are considered essential services and the hospitality sector has already suffered a big blow owing to COVID-19. Hence, all hotels and restaurants would remain open in the interests of farmers, owners, workers, and customers, he added.

If hotels and restaurants are closed even for a single day, thousands of people would go hungry and also, the industry that has already suffered due to lockdown will further suffer. "In fact, even now people think twice to come to a hotel with family members and the business has not yet picked up. In such a situation, a bandh will further result in losses," he said.

He said that though the Association has wholeheartedly supported the cause of land, language, culture and water in Karnataka, unilateral decisions like bandh will affect the common man the most and along with the common man, industries too suffer. Expressing his displeasure, Narayanagowda said that the bandh call was unilateral and no one was consulted before giving a bandh call.

Organisers of the bandh could have taken various stakeholders including the hotel industry before giving a bandh call. "We were not consulted and moreover, bandh will result in losses to an industry that is already reeling under losses," he added.

Mysuru Travels Association Honorary President B.S. Prashanth opined that the dawn to dusk bandh will break the back of the travel industry that had literally come to a standstill due to months of lockdown that has resulted in thousands of tour and travel operators and staff losing jobs and regular income. "After lockdown, the travel industry is taking baby steps. A bandh at this time will prove disastrous," he said.

The limited numbers of tourists who are coming to Mysuru now arrive in city on Friday and stay here for two days to return on Sunday evening. "As the bandh has been called on a Saturday, these tourists are cancelling their plans. We will lose them in case we support the bandh," Prashanth added.

District Tourist Vehicle Drivers' and Owners' Welfare Association Nagaraj, Ashok from Registered Tourist Guides Association, Ravi from Maxi Cab Owners' Welfare Association, Veerabhadrappa from Devaraj Urs Road Traders' Association, K.R. Sathyanarayana of Kalyana Mantap Owners' Association and Mahadevu of Mysuru City Corporation Market Tenants' Association were present at the press conference.

Mysuru City Corporation's 'Operation Stray Cattle'

Following several complaints from the public about stray cattle causing problems on various roads in city, the Special Team, constituted by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) this morning caught two stray cows which were found roaming freely on the road opposite to Maharaja's College Grounds near Ekalavya Circle and have shifted them to the cattle pound near Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram. The MCC will be undertaking the operation to catch stray cattle daily and cattle owners have been warned not to let free their cows or buffaloes on roads failing which the stray cattle would be caught and shifted to the cattle pound and fine would be imposed on such cattle owners.

Miscreants snatch gold chain from elderly woman

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (MK&KS)- Targeting elderly and lonely women, scooter-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain from a 60-year-old woman at N.R. Mohalla here last evening.

The victim is Sudha. According to Police, Sudha at about 7.30 pm had gone to a shop near her house and after purchasing a few things was returning home when two miscreants on a scooter, who came from behind, yanked off her 20 gm gold chain and sped away.

NR Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Chand Pasha

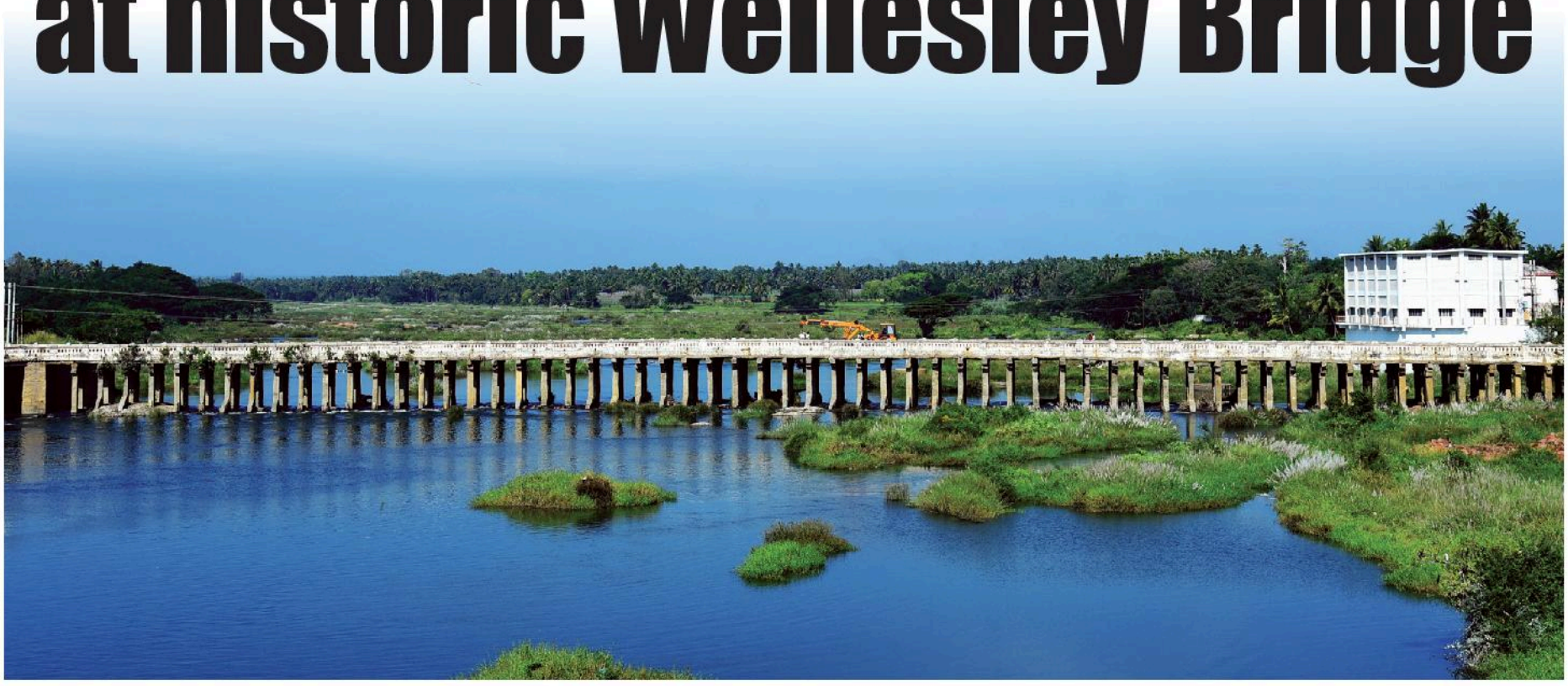
Mysuru, Dec. 3 - Chand Pasha

(46), auto driver and a resident of Irwin Road, passed away in Tumakuru yesterday morning.

He leaves behind his wife Sadhiqa, mother Noor Fathima and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial were held last night.

Restoration works on at historic Wellesley Bridge



A panoramic view of the historic Wellesley Bridge near Srirangapatna in Mandya District. [Pics. by Vinay Karekura]

Srirangapatna, Dec. 3 (Vinay Karekura& BCT)- Finally, the historic Wellesley Bridge near Srirangapatna is being repaired. Works are on in full swing to seal the cracks and restore the Bridge which is in a dilapidated state. Once the repairs are over, the Bridge will be freshly painted.

The repair works are being taken up by the Department of Archaeology and Museums at an estimated cost of Rs. 28 lakh. The Wellesley Bridge near Srirangapatna was completed in 1804 during the reign of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at a cost of Rs. 5.5 lakh. It was built after the fall of Tipu Sultan in 1799 during the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Junior Engineer Kuberappa from the Department of Archaeology and Museums, who is supervising the works, said that the Bridge has been worn out due to vagaries of weather.

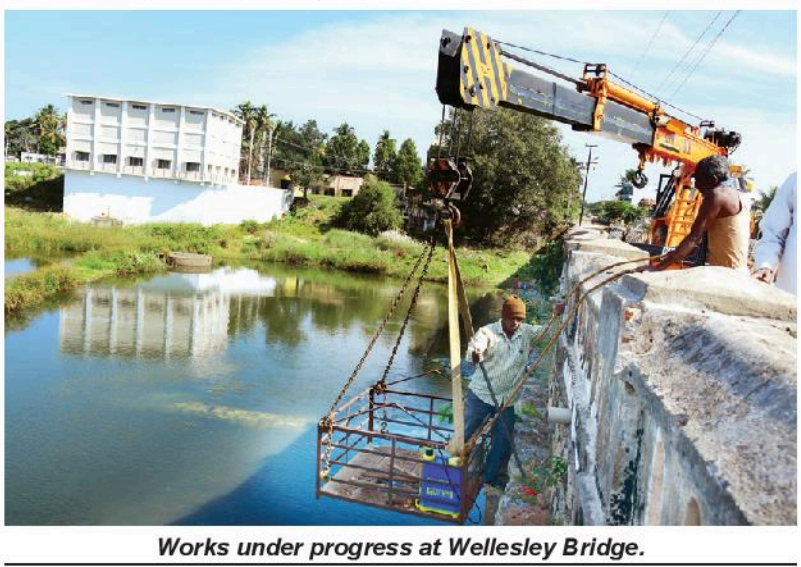
Every year, lakhs of cusecs of Cauvery water is released from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and water flows dangerously almost covering the pillars of the Bridge. Due to water currents, the base of the Bridge has been damaged. "We are replacing the stones and are cementing worn out blocks at the base to make the Bridge stronger so that it can withstand pressure from water flow," he explained.

The Bridge has never seen any repairs or cleaning till now. There are loads of trash under the Bridge that is stuck to the pillars. These include tree trunks, branches, discarded clothes and waste plastic. "These damage the stones and we are removing the trash in phases so that water can flow smoothly. Also plants have grown in many crevices on the Bridge and the roots of the plants burrow the stones and concrete, damaging them. We are removing the plants and sealing the crevices after spraying chemicals to prevent further growth," Kuberappa added.

Cranes are being used for repairs and workers have been given safety equipment so that they can reach every space on the sides and bottom. Wild growth and lack of maintenance and strong water currents during monsoon and during the water release from the KRS Dam have taken a toll on the historical Bridge.

In August last year, nearly ten feet of the retaining wall of the Bridge collapsed. According to Kuberappa, for restoration the workers are using the same materials that were used during the construction of the Bridge like limestone and burnt bricks. Once the repairs are done, the Bridge will be freshly painted, he added.

File photo of trash stuck to the bridge pillars.



Works under progress at Wellesley Bridge.

MLA unhappy with Archaeology Department

Srirangapatna MLA **Ravindra Srikantaiah,** however, has expressed his displeasure over the functioning of the Department of Archaeology and Museums.

When *SOM* contacted the MLA over phone for his reaction on the works that are being undertaken to restore the Wellesley Bridge, he said that the Department never updates him on any of the works in his Constituency.

"I have visited the Wellesley Bridge a couple of times since last year and have directed the authorities to take up repair works of the historical Bridge which occupies a pride of place in Srirangapatna. I have doubts if the Archaeology Department is within the control of State Government or is it outside Government purview as the MLA is kept in the dark," he said.

Claiming that there were instances of the Department undertaking slipshod development works at many places, the MLA said that he will bring this to the notice of the State Government. "There are funds and many times, due to the attitude of the Department officials, some of the funds have gone back to the Government. If the Department undertakes shoddy works at Wellesley Bridge, it will bring a bad name to Srirangapatna. I will soon call a meeting to discuss the issue," Ravindra Srikantaiah added.

MCC tops among 11 Corporations in loan disbursement for Street Vendors

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MK&SSV) - The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been in the forefront in the implementation of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), a special micro-credit facility for street vendors. Of the total 11 Corporations in the State, the MCC has been in first place in receiving applications and disbursing loan to eligible vendors.

The MCC had been given a target of sanctioning loan to 12,454 street vendors through banks. So far, 13,325 applications were received and Rs.10,000 loan each had been given to 769 vendors. As many as 1,913 applications were under scrutiny.

Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation has received 9,809 applications, Tumakuru City Corporation-3,047 applications, Vijayapura City Corporation-3,247, Shivamogga City Corporation-2,943, Ballari City Corporation-3,725, Belagavi City Corporation-3,918, Kalaburagi City Corporation-4,318, Davangere City Corporation-3,516 and Mangaluru City Corporation has received 2,776 applications from street vendors.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was given the target of 87,499 applications but so far, only 16,915 street vendors have submitted the application forms.

Among districts, Mysuru was in 9th place in Karnataka with 16,696 applications received as against the target of 14,824.

Good scheme

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde termed PM SVANidhi as a good scheme for street vendors in the current COVID-19 pandemic. The features of this schemes are: seven percent subsidy in interest and mico-credit facility without security. The vendors will get cash back of Rs.1,200 annually in case they do business using digital applications like Bhim, Google Pay and PhonePe. They are entitled for more loan facility in case of prompt repayment.

Those interested to avail loan may submit applications online *www.pmsvanidhi.mohua.gov.in.* Applications will be scrutinised in respective banks and the eligible will be selected in a phased manner, said A. Shivappa, Community Organising Officer, Day-NULM Department, MCC.

Rajinikanth to float new political outfit in January

Chennai, Dec. 3 (Agencies) - Ending all speculation, Tamil superstar Rajinikanth today said that he will launch his political party in January 2021 and the formal announcement regarding the same will be made on Dec. 31.

Rajinikanth

Rajini had called his line of politics spiritual, which was beyond religion, corruption and one for the welfare of the people. Rajini had asked his supporters to go to every street in the State and pass the message about his intentions and he had told them then, "when the time is right, I will give the war cry and at that time all of you be ready to support me."

The clarity that the superstar has given by announcing a time for the launch of his party has come as a huge relief to his fans, since they have waited patiently for years as Rajinikanth has bid his time. This would also give his supporters at least a few months to prepare for the Assembly polls, which are likely to take place in May 2021.

For the last three years, members of the Rajini Makkal Mandram, considered the precursor to his political party, have been organising themselves and increasing the number of members.

However, since Rajinikanth has several health complications, it was expected that following the advice of his doctors, he would prefer to stay away from starting a party during the pandemic.

In a closed door meeting on Monday, Rajinikanth had interacted with 32 leaders of the Rajini Makkal Mandram, including District Secretaries. He asked them many questions including why they believed he should start a political party and contest in the 2021 May elections. Stalin, an office-bearer from Thoothukudi, had then told the media that many of them expressed their concerns over his health, while a few maintained that Rajinikanth should announce his political party.

Ornamental heritage streetlights to dot *Jumboo Savari* route

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MK&SSV)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, on Wednesday, inspected the ongoing works on installation of ornamental heritage streetlights on *Raja Marga* from K.R. Circle to Sayyaji Rao Road at a cost of Rs.1 crore in city.

Speaking to media persons, he said they had requested Tourism, Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi to sanction Rs. 5 crore towards installation of heritage streetlights on both sides of *Raja Marga* on which *Jumboo Savari* will proceed during Dasara festival. As first instalment, Rs.1 crore had been released. They were examining what kind of decorative heritage streetlight was suitable for K.R. Circle and adjoining roads. A final decision will be taken in consultation with Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj soon, he added.

Harsha, a contractor, said that inspection was underway to install heritage streetlights from K.R. Circle to Highway Circle. The cost of each streetlight including installation was around Rs.60,000 to Rs.70,000.

Corporators M.D. Nagaraj and Pramila Bharath, BJP leaders, Somashekar Raju, Manoj and Sachin accompanied the MLA.

Low cost Hospital coming up in city

Mysuru, Dec. 3-The Mysore Masaajid Association (MMA) comprising the managements of about ten Mosques, which supported two COVID Care Centres that brought much relief, almost completely free of cost, to nearly 1,200 poor victims of the COVID-19 in city, is starting a low cost general hospital on Friday (Dec. 4) at Rajivnagar.

The Hospital will cater to all the poor and downtrodden patients in need of low cost medical care, irrespective of their religion, caste or creed. Services like OPD consultation, routine treatment procedures, in patient care, lab investigations and medicines will be provided at very nominal and affordable prices, for the benefit of the weaker sections of society while maintaining the quality of service on par with the modern hospitals.

Supported entirely by funds generated through public contributions, the hospital will be a novel initiative where many doctors from different specialities will render their services. Notable among these are Dr. Anees Ahmed, Dr. Md Ghouse Shareef, Dr. Ravouf, Dr. Fuzail Ilyas, Dr. Nooruddin, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Dr. Abid Sattar, Dr. Iftequar, Dr. Maqsood and Dr. Zuhaib, all of whom are specialists in various fields.

The Hospital Management in a press release has requested citizens to make best of this facility.

Fairs to be held at Dasara Expo Grounds

Mysuru, Dec.3 (PM&SSV)- Hemanthkumar Gowda, the new Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), has said that several programmes including fairs and expos will be organised in the Exhibition Grounds by observing all COVID-19 protocol.

In a press release here, he said the Authority was acting like a forum to promote art and culture of the State and achievements of Government of Karnataka. Plans are afoot to boost economic activities such as hosting exhibitions and fairs inside the Dasara Exhibition Grounds but by following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Union Health Ministry.

"I will discuss with the State Government to make the Dasara Exhibition premises active throughout the year by holding one or the other exhibitions. Besides, development and maintenance of wrestling arena, commercial complex, water fountains and parks will be taken up on priority," he added. The Chairman said it has been proposed to construct protection wall for *Raja Kaluve* that passes through the exhibition grounds.

Resource mobilisation activities will be taken up. Instruction has been given to officials in this regard, he added.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 3- As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 3rd quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following villages:

Yelwal Power Distribution Centre

Yelwal, Hale-Kamanakoppal, Maidanahalli, Megalapura, Bhadregowdanakoppal, Chikkegowdanakoppal, Hosakote, Sarakatte, Yachegowdanahalli, Dadakanahalli, Ramenahalli, Yadahalli, Kallur, Naganahalli, Gungral Chatra, Chatradakoppal, Ratnahalli, Veerappanakoppal and surrounding areas.

Hullahalli Power Distribution Centre

Hadinaru, Hadinaru Mole, Moodahalli, Mallarajanahundi villages.

Doora Power Distribution Centre: Bidaragod, Kembalu, Hallikerehundi, Byalaru villages.

Maradi Hundi Power Distribution Centre: Tummanerale and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

Decathlete Rafer Johnson,

'World's Greatest Athlete', dies at 86

The gold medallist Rafer Johnson carried the Olympic torch during the opening ceremony of the 1984 Games at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. In 1960, he carried the American flag into Rome's Olympic Stadium. *[Pic. courtesy: Internet]*

Los Angeles, Dec. 3- Rafer Johnson, who was crowned the world's greatest athlete after winning the decathlon gold medal at the 1960 Olympics and later helped tackle Robert F. Kennedy's assassin, died on Wednesday at the age of 86.

The LA84 Foundation, of which he was a Founding-Member, confirmed Johnson's death, saying he passed away at his home in Los Angeles surrounded by family.

After winning silver at the 1956 Melbourne Games, Johnson claimed the top step on the Olympic podium four years later in Rome, clinching the gold ahead of training partner C.K. Yang of Taiwan with an Olympic record score.

The achievement earned Johnson the AAU James E. Sullivan Award as the most outstanding amateur athlete in the United States, putting his picture on the cover of *TIME* and *Sport Illustrated* magazines.

Johnson was a fine all-round sportsman. He was drafted by the NFL's Los Angeles Rams as a running back in 1959 and played basketball at UCLA under legendary coach John Wooden.

Johnson turned to acting after his athletics career. Among his credits were parts in the Elvis Presley film *Wild in the Country* and the James Bond movie *License to Kill*.

In 1968, while working on Kennedy's Presidential campaign, Johnson was one of the men to subdue Sirhan Sirhan after he shot and killed the US Presidential candidate.

Wear Mask or Go to Jail

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Sirmaur District Administration in Himachal Pradesh has issued an order saying anyone caught not wearing mask in public places will be liable to arrest without warrant. And after found convicted in the matter, they will be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to eight days or fine which may extend up to Rs. 5,000.

Cases on decline

Corona positive cases and casualties are definitely on decline in the State, thanks to sustained efforts of the Government by ramping up RT-PCR test across the State. But, there has been a second wave of COVID-19 resulting in surge of cases in Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and other States that has been a cause of concern in other States. In the wake of this, it is now considered important for Karnataka to prepare for a possible second wave of COVID-19 by upgrading healthcare facilities, according to TAC report.

"The second wave of a virus typically refers to a resurgence of a viral infection, in an area where the transmission decreased to below the outbreak potential but now is continually increasing over a certain period. Besides, it is occurrence of cases in similar proportions or more than the first wave," observed the 8-page advisory on recognition and containment measures for second wave of COVID-19 in Karnataka.

The TAC has said the second wave is anticipated usually three to four months after the first spike or wave — January-February, 2021. This is due to winter, unlock in progress, weak enforcements, population movements and others.

Gujarat High Court has directed the Government to frame rule to make mask violators to work in COVID Care Centres in non-medical services for a period of 10-15 days and a fine of Rs.1,000. The violator can be given job of cleaning, cooking, food distribution, housekeeping or data entry operator. Allotment of work is done according to the age and qualification of violator.

Suggestions by TAC to State Government

- Enforce Mask Wearing — More Marshals/Police to fine mask violators in busy areas like markets, bus stops, commercial areas, in buses and at traffic junctions.
- Consider introducing tough actions like simple imprisonment of a few hours for mask violators as done in Madhya Pradesh.
- After carefully assessing the COVID-19 situation in the last week of December, graded opening of schools from January may be considered — classes 12th and 10th to commence initially from January and classes 11th and 9th to follow later on.
- The December month should be used for revising curriculum, planning examinations and preparing classrooms for COVID-19 compliance; providing hot water, procuring masks, disinfectants, sanitisers, hostels — rooms, bath and toilets; food mess.
- Strictly restrict super spreader events during December and January-like holding events only in open places like marriages - up to 100; political and public events - up to 200; death ceremonies - 50; funerals - 20.
- Ban New Year public celebrations from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 like in resorts, hotels, on roads (MG Road, Brigade Road in Bengaluru) and impose night curfew (8 pm to 5 am) during this period.

Pillion rider dies in mishap

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (RK&KS)- A lady security staff was killed while her colleague sustained severe injuries when a Toyota Innova vehicle hit their two-wheeler near Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway this morning.

While the deceased has been identified as Saraswathi (32), wife of Paramesh and a resident of Bevinakuppe in Pandavapura taluk, the injured is Lakshmi. Both were working as security personnel at Narayana Hospital.

As per her daily routine, Saraswathi took a bus from Pandavapura and alighted at Srirangapatna Bus Stand, where Lakshmi was waiting to pick her up.

As they neared Siddalingapura, a car hit the scooter from behind resulting in both falling from the two-wheeler. Saraswathi's head hit the road median and bled profusely. Lakshmi, on seeing blood oozing from her friend's head, fell unconscious.

The passersby shifted both to Narayana Hospital, where Saraswathi breathed her last.

NR Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case besides seizing the car and taking its driver into custody.

City celebrates Kanaka Jayanthi

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Dr. Yathindra said the poet's literary works — 'Haribhaktha Sara', 'Nala Charita', 'Mohana Tarangini' and 'Ramadanya Charita' — advocated equality and justice for socially downtrodden sections.

MLA Nagendra said Kanakadasa should not be restricted to any particular caste or creed as he gave the message of secularism five centuries ago. Those messages are relevant till date.

DC Rohini Sindhuri, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, Bank Puttaswamy and K. Marigowda of Kanakadasa Jayanthi Mahotsava Samiti were present.

Lecture on Kanakadasa

At an event organised at the BJP Office, Rajyotsava Awardee and 'Sadhvi' Editor C. Maheshwaran gave a lecture on the saint poet. He said, Kanakadasa is a world saint and he must not be restricted to a community and a region. His teachings on social justice are relevant even now and he had predicted the happenings of present society way back in 15th Century.

Stating that Kanakadasa fought to get the society rid of superstition and castes, Maheshwaran said his principles and messages are good for the present day too. Kanakadasa could be counted among the best Dasa poets. He also stands on par with Basavanna as he fought against the caste system.

He said Kanakadasa strictly believed in respect to one's profession to lead a successful life. The saint's life and his works are a model to all, he said. He said the principles and preaching of Kanakadasa need to be emulated by everyone. His works are a blend of spirituality, moral principles and values. The poet opposed apartheid and the differences among upper and lower classes.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, City BJP President Srivatsa, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, BJP Backward Class and Minority Rural President Parashuramaiah and City President Jogi Manju were present.

Kanakashree Awards

Kanakashree Awards were presented to three achievers at an event organised by University of Mysore Employees Union at Maharaja's College. The awardees are former Mayor Purushotham (social service), Mariswamy (teaching) and Devarajegowda (administration).

University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa said through selective reading of the works of Kanakadasa, literary critics influenced by reactionary ideologies have tried to confine his poetic personality to devotion and spiritualism. Kanakadasa wrote about a range of themes and was a staunch opponent of social discrimination.

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'Swasthya Mitra' Award conferred

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (YDS&DM)- 'Swasthya Mitra-2020' award was conferred on ten achievers from different fields at a programme organised at Arogya Bharati office in Kuvempunagar here on Tuesday.

The awardees are: Dr. S.P. Thirumala Rao of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, well-known city paediatrician Dr. Vamanrao Bapat, Urologist Dr. Prakash Prabhu, DCP (Crime and Traffic) Geetha Prasanna, renowned Ayurveda Practitioner Dr. Guru Basavaraj, Government Ayurveda College, Mysuru, Principal Dr. Gajanana Hegde, Government Ayurveda Research Centre Assistant Director Dr. Lakshminarayana Shenoy, District Hospital Ophthalmologist Dr. Chetan Kumar and city's Janachetana Trust President Prasanna Gowda.

Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram President Muktidanandaji graced the occasion.

Rajyotsava awardee Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Mysuru City Co-operative Bank President Umashankar, Yuvaraja's College Asst. Professor Mahesh, Arogya Bharati President Dr. Asha, Vice-President Dinakar, Divisional Co-ordinator Arunachalam, Murali, Convenor S.B.M. Prasanna and others were present during the award ceremony.

Selected for Karnataka Lalithakala Academy Fellowships

Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat *Vijaya Sindhura* *G. Kandan*

Bengaluru, Dec. 3- Artist Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat of Mysuru is one among the 13 artists selected by the Karnataka Lalithakala Academy for Fellowships (2019-20).

While senior artists Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat, Vijaya Sindhura of Jamkhandi and G. Kandan of Mangaluru have been selected under Senior Fellowship Scheme, Dimple B. Shah of Bengaluru, K. Suresh of Mysuru, Ninganagouda C. Patil of Vijayapura, Manjunatha Kalladevaru of Bengaluru and Jagannath Bellada of Kalaburagi have been selected under General Fellowship Scheme.

R.G. Arpita of Bengaluru, Basava Rajachar of Hassan, Arvind K. Kamble of Kalaburagi, Y. Manu and Anil Kumar Govindappa of Bengaluru selected for Fellowships in Graphics category.

Prizes distributed to winners of Bombe Habba Vaibhava

Mysuru, Dec. 3- The Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Gold on Saturday distributed prizes to winners of doll exhibition contest, *Bombe Habba Vaibhava*, which was held earlier as part of Dasara celebrations. The winners — Revati Ramaswamy (First), C. Chaitra (Second), Hemalatha Kumaraswamy (Third) and Jayashri (Fourth) were feted and presented prizes at a programme organised at Pathrakartara Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, Club President Abhijna Rajiv informed that 25 women had participated in the *Bombe Habba Vaibhava* contest which had been organised as part of *Nada Habba*.

Ajay Singh of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana was the jury for the contest. Secretary Maya Talreja, Vice-President Uma Anil, Club ISO Prema Ravi and Editor Pratibha Rao were present at the programme.

Book Authority Awardees

Narasimha Bhat *Dr. M. Shivakumara Swamy* *Lakshmikanth* *D.N. Srinath* *Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy*

Bengaluru, Dec. 3- Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati Pradhikara, Bengaluru, has announced winners of the Honorary and Book Awards for the year 2020.

Five persons have been selected for Honorary Award, which includes a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a citation. **Recipients are:** A. Narasimha Bhat (Kasaragodu), Dr. M. Shivakumara Swamy (Bengaluru), Lakshmikantha S. Hegde (Bengaluru), D.N. Srinath (Shivamogga) and Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy (Bengaluru).

Five best translated books with first edition published in the year 2019 have been chosen for the Book Award. The winners will get a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation. **Recipients are:** 'W.B. Yeats Kaviteya Yeppattu Kavanagalu' - Prof. V. Krishnamurthy Rao (English to Kannada translation), 'Indira Bai' - Prof. Vanamala Vishwanath and Dr. Shivarama Padikkal (Kannada to English), 'Nanemba Bharatiya' - B. Narasinga Rao (Indian Languages to Kananda), Vimukta - Ajay Verma Alluri (Indian Languages to Kananda) and 'Kurrodu Trishulam Pattina Katha' - Ranganatha Ramachandra Rao (Kannada to other Indian Languages), according to a press release from Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati Pradhikara Registrar Eshwar K. Mirji.

Wadiyar Rajyotsava Award conferred on achievers

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (PM&DM)- Six achievers from different fields were conferred Wadiyar Rajyotsava award at a programme organised at Vignana Bhavan, Manasagangothri yesterday. The award is given by the city's Anveshana Seva Trust.

Former University of Mysore (UoM) and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa conferred the award on UoM's Head of the Department of Physics Dr. N.K. Loknath, Chamundi Hill Temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit, Social Worker M. Lalit Kumar Kothari, Sumana Society Co-ordinator Alice Joseph, Best Teacher awardee Dr. P.B. Indukala Urs and Elai Higher Primary School Secretary Mohammad Nasrulla.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. K.S. Rangappa lauded MLA L. Nagendra for his concerns towards the welfare of the people. Noting that Nagendra is an easily accessible politician, he said that the Chamaraja MLA is a simple and humble person and such persons should be in the corridors of power. Batting for a Cabinet berth for Nagendra, Prof. Rangappa said that he (Nagendra) will be first felicitated at the same venue (Vignana Bhavan) if he becomes a Minister.

Anveshana Trust President Dr. M.G.R. Urs, in his address, said that the Trust has been recognising talented persons who have been deprived of opportunities. Pointing out that the Trust distributed 100 food kits daily to the poor during COVID-19 lockdown days, Dr. Urs announced that Prof. K.S. Rangappa's English papers on cancer research will be translated to Kannada and released on his (Prof. Rangappa) birthday on May. 5, 2021 at Vignana Bhavan.

Earlier, MLA L. Nagendra, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that there are many talented personalities in the State who were working behind the scenes.

Anveshana Trust must be complimented for identifying such talented persons, he noted.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presided. Mahalakshmi Charitable Trust President Shivakumar and Trust Founder-Hon. Secretary Amarnathraje Urs were present.

Yoga For All

● UoM to impart training at very nominal fee ● Two batches in the morning and evening: 6.30 am - 8.30 am and 4 pm to 7 pm

The importance of yoga came to light when the scientists spoke of immunity power to defeat COVID-19. They opined that breathing exercise was very much required for people to save self from the pandemic which has wreaked havoc across the world.

Dr. Krishnaiah

For some nations, yoga may look new. But for Indians, yoga has been a part and parcel of their life from time immemorial. Rishis were said to be practicing yoga to keep them fit and fine. Naturally, this has come as a gift for every countryman. In recent years, Mysuru has emerged as a 'yoga hub', with thousands of foreigners coming here to do certificate courses in yoga every year. Unfortunately, yoga has been commercialised and common citizens are unable to learn because of huge fee. At this juncture, the century-old University of Mysore (UoM) has opened 'Yoga Mandira' (Yoga Hall) at the Sports Pavilion under the Department of Physical Education to teach yoga for one and all at a nominal fee. This will be a boon for health-conscious people, says **Dr. P. Krishnaiah,** Director, UoM PE Department, speaking to *Star of Mysore*. Excerpts. **—Ed**

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore: What made UoM to start Yoga Mandira?

Dr. Krishnaiah: The idea of having a Yoga Hall was conceptualised 3 to 4 years ago as a number of our students were winning gold and silver medals in All India Yoga competitions regularly. The students won gold medals for three consecutive years in All India Inter-University Yoga competition. But there was no place for them to practice. So, we requested the Varsity authorities who asked us to come out with a proposal. Subsequently, a proposal for Rs.1.30 crore was prepared and submitted. It was okayed and funds were released. The works started in 2018 and it was opened virtually by Governor and Chancellor of Universities, Vajubhai R. Vala on the day of Centenary Convocation of UoM recently. The incumbent Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa have been actively supporting all the yoga activities. Without their support this project would not have been completed.

Star of Mysore: What is the main motto of Yoga Mandira?

Dr. Krishnaiah: Mysuru has been the cradle of yoga, thanks to patronage by one and all. Yoga exponents from Mysuru like Pattabhi Jois, T. Krishnamachar and B.K.S. Iyengar took this old art beyond India and created health awareness among foreigners too. After the outbreak of COVID-19, people have become health-conscious and they have taken up yoga seriously to stay safe from the pandemic. Of late, foreigners have started believing that the immunity power will increase through practicing yoga daily. Pranayama is said to be the best medicine to stay healthy during the current pandemic.

Star of Mysore: What about faculty? Are they qualified to train people of all ages?

Dr. Krishnaiah: We have three yoga coaches — M.R. Kishore, B. Ravi and M.S. Shilpa. All three are from Mysuru and have undergone training from the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Patiala. They have also secured gold medals in All India Inter-Varsity Yoga competitions. One of the coaches, Kishore, has been first in South India to have bagged first place in National Yoga Training Course conducted by SAI, Patiala. The main motto of Yoga Mandira is to share good health among people.

Star of Mysore: Is Yoga Hall restricted only to UoM students and staff?

Dr. Krishnaiah: No. It is open to one and all. Recently, we called upon people to register their names for yoga training and as many as 90 persons have shown interest to join the course. The Hall was quite big enough to accommodate a minimum of 200 people at a time by following social distancing. Basic infrastructure has been provided in the big hall plus equipment. Still there is scope for further improvement in the coming days.

FROM LEFT: ***Mysore Varsity Yoga coaches B. Ravi, M.R. Kishore and M.S. Shilpa.***

Star of Mysore: Is UoM the only Varsity in the country to have a dedicated Yoga Centre?

Dr. Krishnaiah: I am not aware of this. But I am sure that no other Varsity has such a big hall dedicated exclusively for the promotion of yoga. If such a centre existed in other Universities, then it should have won the medals in All India Yoga meets. In fact, yoga is one such physical and spiritual meditation which has separate exercise for different ailments. Our coaches will explain what to do depending upon health issue of every individual.

Star of Mysore: What is the monthly fee? Is the Yoga Centre open for general public too?

Dr. Krishnaiah: So far, we have not decided on the monthly fee. But it will be very nominal and within the reach of every citizen. Since service is the motto of our University, the fee will not be exorbitant. The Yoga Hall is open not only for students, teaching and non-teaching staff of UoM but also for the citizens. The Varsity has not thought of imparting training to foreigners. But, plans are afoot to offer certificate courses in yoga for youths to learn and start yoga institutes on their own.

Star of Mysore: What is the timing of yoga training at the Centre?

Dr. Krishnaiah: To begin with, the Yoga Centre will function from 6.30 am to 8.30 am and again from 4 pm to 7 pm. More batches will be started if more number of persons enrol their names. The Yoga Hall is likely to be inaugurated formally on Dec. 4. Money is not important for the Varsity but what is important is service to people through imparting training in yoga. It is a gift to the people of Mysuru from the UoM during the pandemic.

Mysore Varsity's newly-built Yoga Hall at the Sports Pavilion.

Yoga coach M.S. Shilpa guiding a student in getting her asana right.

WORD OF THE DAY

Grandiloquence

Pronunciation: gran-DIH-luh-kwunss
Meaning: A lofty, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or bombastic style, manner, or quality especially in language.
Origin: Grandiloquence, which debuted in English in the 16th century, is one of several English words pertaining to speech that derive from the Latin loqui, meaning "to speak." Other offspring of loqui include eloquent ("marked by fluent expression"), loquacious ("full of excessive talk"), and soliloquy ("a long, dramatic monologue"). Grandiloquence comes (probably via Middle French) from the Latin adjective grandiloquus, which combines loqui and the adjective grandis ("grand or great"). A word that is very similar in meaning to grandiloquence is magniloquence—and the similarity is not surprising. Magniloquence combines loqui with magnus, another Latin word meaning "great."
Example: "The film finds its grounding in the closing scene when it strips away its grandiloquence and Beyoncé sings a cappella version of 'Spirit' backed by a gospel choir...." — Aidin Vaziri, The San Francisco Chronicle, 2 Aug. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Galactophagist

Milk drinker.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Burst your bubble

Meaning: The phrase 'burst your bubble' means to give information to someone that will probably disappoint them. Basically, they receive bad news and it ruins their happy moment, or it destroys their expectations.
Origin: Where does the saying 'burst your bubble' come from? Well, sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the origin of this phrase is unknown. However, there is a theory for how it might have originated. We'll get to that in a second, but first, let's talk about how old this expression is: The earliest appearance of this phrase in print (with its figurative meaning) is at the end of the 1860s. For example, in the year 1869, it is written in the Anglo American Times newspaper:
"They actually strove to fasten on the President, and the very Treasury which had designedly burst their bubble, complicity with the design, and so openly, boldly, and circumstantially was this done, that some people were for a moment staggered by the attack on the Executive."
This means the phrase is at least 150 years old.

QUOTE BOX

Days are coloured bubbles that float upon the surface of fathomless nights.— **Rabindranath Tagore**

RIDDLE THIS

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Answer: Half baked.

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	1	2	3	5	8	9	4
8	3	4	7	6	9	5	1	2
9	2	5	4	8	1	6	7	3
3	7	6	9	1	8	4	2	5
5	4	8	3	2	7	9	6	1
2	1	9	6	5	4	7	3	8
6	8	2	5	9	3	1	4	7
4	5	3	1	7	6	2	8	9
1	9	7	8	4	2	3	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

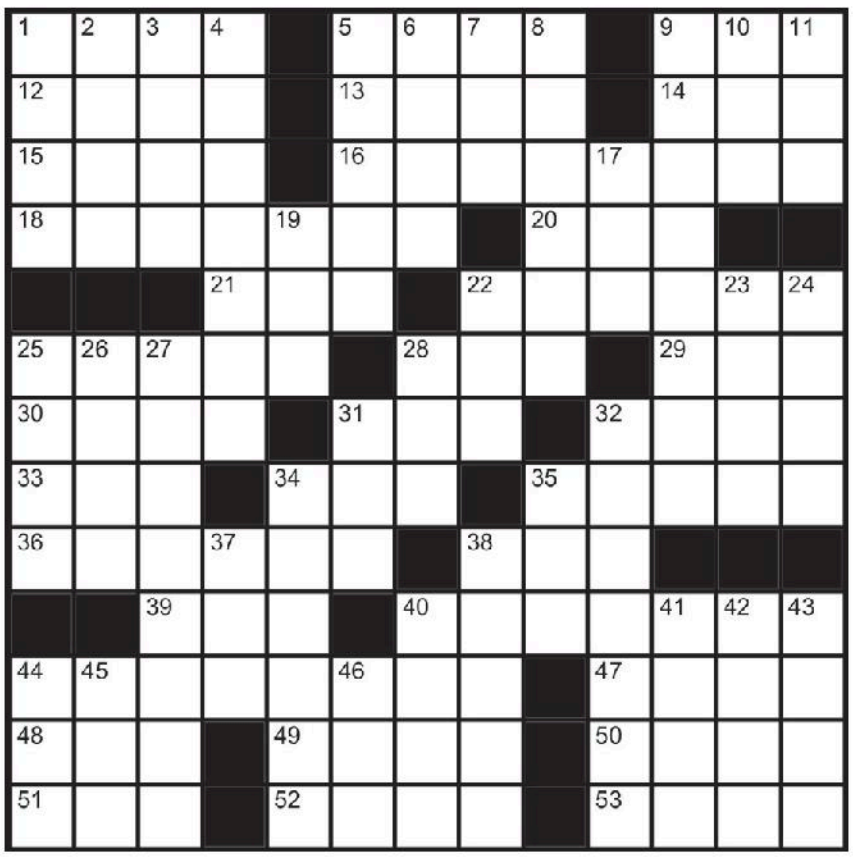
1 Old time classic movie___ Ara
5 Deep breath
9 Request For Inf.
12 Billionth as a prefix
13 Cogitation or conception
14 Owns or possesses
15 Ex-India paceman Yohannan
16 Mexican hat
18 Public disgrace
20 Believer: suffix
21 The sesame plant
22 Of the highest degree
25 Escargot
28 Long playing records, in short
29 Apply friction
30 Type of recorder
31 Existed
32 Renowned director ___ Nair
33 Psychic power
34 Hang loosely
35 Clergyman
36 The chest
38 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
39 Sick or unwell
40 Record in writing (3,4)
44 One-storey home
47 Fencer's fine-pointed sword
48 Appropriate
49 Repast
50 Ireland, once
51 Prefix with "cover" and "please"
52 Smudged with writing fluid
53 A legal document

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	L	I	■	A	P	E	■	L	R	O	N
R	E	I	N	D	E	E	R	■	A	U	R	A
E	R	N	S	■	S	N	I	P	P	E	T	S
M	O	T	T	O	■	N	E	W	T	■	■	■
■	■	■	E	N	V	Y	■	B	O	I	L	S
■	A	M	P	L	E	■	A	■	P	R	O	D
M	I	I	■	Y	I	E	L	D	■	O	A	U
C	A	L	M	■	N	■	M	O	U	N	D	■
P	A	D	U	A	■	F	A	T	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	T	O	A	■	S	E	E	R	S
E	R	I	C	I	D	L	E	■	B	R	I	E
T	A	T	A	■	E	S	T	R	A	N	G	E
S	T	E	T	■	S	E	A	■	D	E	S	K

DOWN

1 Hill dwellers
2 Secular; a layman
3 Leo Tolstoy's ___ Karenina
4 Canadian policeman
5 Rope fiber
6 Graven image
7 Precious stone
8 Old ___ die hard?
9 Oratory
10 At a great distance
11 Prefix meaning equal
17 Reg. Sales Mngr.
19 Bollywood's ___ Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere
22 Bull periods
23 Chapter of the Koran
24 Ski lift (1-3)
25 "No dele" for the printer
26 Poet Ogden
27 Prescribes or assigns
28 Fall behind
31 Cerumen
32 An evil or sinful act
34 Italian sausage
35 Examine, check
37 Ring Laser Gyro
38 Very recently
40 Wet thoroughly
41 English painter
42 Used to be
43 Poverty or want
44 Evil or sinful
45 United Press Intl.
46 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OXA WQM HAYJLEXM JXFYNXTO'J IEYRJ QMT LDYEZ VATCFYML

RELDXAL HAYJLEXMEMC LDYEZ FXLEIYJ XZ UQLZEXLEJF

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can have anything you want if you will give up the belief that you can't have it.

Bag medals in Shooting Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (KS)- Shooters of city's Jai Chamundi Shooting Sports Academy, who took part in the Open Shooting Championship, organised by Bengaluru Rifle Shooters' Academy, have bagged a total 20 medals (13 Gold, 6 Silver and 1 Bronze) in the Championship.

MEDAL WINNERS

Pruthvik Gowda - 5 Gold and 1 Silver; Lunkar Gowda - 4 Gold and 2 Silver; Kranthikumar Natekar - 2 Gold; Preetham Jeevor - 2 Gold; P. Jayanth - 1 Silver and 1 Bronze; M.N. Mahesh - 1 Silver and P.S. Nagaraj - 1 Silver, according to a press release.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 3)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka (GoK) and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117 from KSRTC Bus Stand]

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Mukhavada Illadavanu 84 (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Gadiyara (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 7.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm

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	(S-1)	2.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Come Play (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
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	(S-2)	5.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Daari Tappida Maga (K)	(S-2)	8.55 pm
Gadiyara (K)	(S-2)	2.40 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
*Mukhavaada Illadavanu 84*** (K)*	(S-2)	11.20 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

State Master Athletes feted

Karnataka State Masters Athletic Association, in association with Mysuru District Masters Athletic Association (MDMAA), recently conducted fitness awareness programme at Oval Grounds in city and also held State Executive meeting. On the occasion, MDMAA felicitated State President David Premnath and State Secretary Shanmugam in the presence of MDMAA Vice-President and International Athlete M. Yogendra, MDMAA Secretary P.G. Sathyanarayana, Raghavendra Rao, Narayanaswamy, M. Chandrasekar and others.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Jamshedpur denies win for Hyderabad, share points

Jamshedpur FC players celebrate Stephen Eze's equaliser against Hyderabad FC

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Match (Dec. 3)

ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Vs
ODISHA
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 4)

CHENNAIYIN FC
Vs
BENGALURU FC
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

HYDERABAD - 1
drew with
JAMSHEDPUR - 1

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Vasco, Dec. 3- Hyderabad FC continued their unbeaten run in Indian Super League (ISL) 2020-21 after a 1-1 draw with Jamshedpur FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium here yesterday.

Hyderabad created a number of chances but failed to take advantage after Aridane Santana's opener. Jamshedpur FC's Stephen Eze scored the equaliser in a game that also saw Hyderabad's head coach receive a red card in the dying minutes.

Hyderabad FC were the more threatening side in the opening 15 minutes, with Manuel Marquez's side creating a couple of chances. Hyderabad continued the onslaught at the beginning of the second half, and made their opponents pay in the 50th minute. Narzary collected the ball after Hitesh Sharma played in a beautiful diagonal cross. The winger's shot was parried away by Pawan but fell straight onto the feet of Santana who slotted the ball home.

Jamshedpur were denied a goal in 71st minute when a free-kick by substitute Isaac Vanmalsawma was punched out by Kattimani. The ball hit Santana and crept into the net but the officials disallowed the goal as Peter Hartley was considered to have committed a foul on Kattimani. Jamshedpur didn't give up, and in the 85th minute they got the equaliser, with Eze scoring his first goal for the Club.

The encounter ended as a 1-1 draw, with Hyderabad continuing their unbeaten run this season but failing to keep a clean sheet. Jamshedpur, on the other hand, are still yet to win a match under Owen Coyle.

Hero of the Match: Mohammed Yasir; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Laldinliana Renthlei.

Samskruti-2020

Handloom Expo at Urban Haat to conclude on Dec. 6

Mysuru, Dec. 3- 'Samskruti 2020' a special handloom exhibition-cum-sale, organised at JSS Mysore Urban Haat near Hebbal Outer Ring Road junction, will conclude on Dec. 6. The expo is held under the aegis of Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Karnataka State Co-operative Handloom Weavers Federation Limited, with affordable prices and discount. COVID-19 safety measures too are in place.

Around 40 stalls are opened with 15 from Karnataka alone, followed by Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

Varieties of sarees like that of Silk saree, Ilkal saree, Kanjivaram of Tamil Nadu, Tasha saree from Bihar, Chanderi and Maheshwari from MP, Sambalpuri from Odisha, Pashmina Shawl from Kashmir, Gadwal saree from Andhra Pradesh, Patel saree from Gujarat and of many other States, are on sale.

As the weavers are directly selling their products, the quality products available at affordable and discount rates are the speciality of the mela.

The shop of Kadur Sheep Wool and Cotton Handloom Weavers Association has attractive collection of bedsheets and sarees, followed by that of Kote sarees of Gajendragarh, Baiappanahalli Handloom Weavers Association, Aralikoppa Swadeshi Handloom Weavers from Sigandur in Shivamogga, who have on display shirts, kurtas, dress and khadi materials. Terracotta made jewels, traditional jewels and Channapatna dolls are the other attractions.

For details, contact Mob: 96866-77232 or 98445-50845, according to M Shivananjaswamy, Project Officer, JSS Mysore Urban Haat.

The expo, which began on Nov. 20, will be open for visitors from 10 am to 9 pm every day till Dec. 6.

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